

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2-5 and 7 have been amended. Upon entry of the above amendments and the following remarks, claims 2-8 will be pending in the present application.

Applicant notes that claims 5 and 6 have been considered allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner has stated that claims 5 and 6 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent for including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims". Applicant has amended claim 5 as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 6 depends directly on claim 5. As such, claims 5 and 6 should be allowed.

Claim Objections

Claim 4 has been objected to for the informality that "in line 2, "stripes-one" should be replaced with "stripes one"". Applicant has amended claim 4 as suggested by the Examiner. However, "strips-one" has been replaced with "strips one" as supported by the specification as filed. As such, any proper objection to claim 4 no longer applies.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C §103

Claims 1-4, 7, and 8 have been rejected "under 35 U.S.C §103 as unpatentable over Phillips (5,087,078) in view of Rigg (4,775,257)". Claim 1 has been cancelled, and claims 2, 3, 4, and 7 have been amended to depend directly on allowable claim 5. Claim 8 depends directly on claim 7. As such, Applicant has been obviated any proper rejection of claims 1-4, 7, and 8 under 35 U.S.C §103.

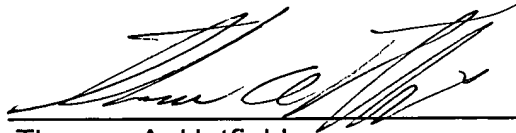
In summary, Applicant has addressed each of the objections and rejections within the present Office Action by the above Remarks. It is believed the Application

now stands in condition for allowance and a prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

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